

I AM - The Greatest Battle of Your Life

Unit 2: Who Am I

Lesson 3: Me and God

The Cave of Wisdom

The Burning Bush: Me and God

The Cave Opening:

Welcome to the cave of remorse, the destroyer of King Saul's dream of a dynasty for Israel. The people wanted to be like other nations and be led by a king. Until this time, Israel had been ruled by the Judges. The nation was loosely knit with each tribe acting independently. But this form of loose government was weak against the growing empires around it.

Samuel had grown old and his sons took over for him. They were corrupt and lost the support of the people. They came to Samuel and asked for a king to rule them, a strong warrior to lead an army against their enemies. God told Samuel to allow the people a king, because they had rejected the Lord as their king.

God chose Saul, from the smallest tribe of Benjamin, but a man who was a head taller than anyone in Israel. When Samuel anointed Saul as king, the Spirit of the Lord came upon Saul in power.

Who am I: Me and God:

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:7 - "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Biblical Character: King Saul and David

"I am King Saul. When the time came to crown me as king of Israel, I was afraid and hid myself among the baggage of the travelers. But the Lord revealed me to Samuel and the people brought me out and shouted. "Long live the king." I was a great warrior and led my men to many victories. But the victories made me trust in my own strength, not in God's strength and I disobeyed God's instructions to me. God removed His Spirit from me and my life became full of remorse. And to make my life worse, God even picked a new king, David, while I was still on the throne.

But if David became king, my sons would not become rulers. My dream of a dynasty would be over. After David killed Goliath, his fame became a challenge to my fame. I grew to hate David and desired to kill him. But he ran from me and hid in a cave, much like this one. Without God's power, I soon suffered defeat and my remorse caused me to kill myself. David became king of all Israel."

Show the "I Am David" video. Explain that we can do great things with God at our side. We need not be filled with remorse, but rather filled with the Spirit of the Lord.

Then show the Dance like David video and have the group dance like David using the Spirit of the Lord video.

Reality Character(s): David Archuleta

God has given you many talents to become what He desires for you. These talents may become known to you at an early age, as with David Archuleta at age 13.

Show the Before and After video of David Archuleta.

Cave Dark Side Journey: Remorse

The Tribe: The Power of Music: While David was in Saul's house, he played his harp to soothe the remorse of Saul. Music can be a powerful healer.

Craft: "Singing Harp" of David.

Recreation Activity: "Name the Group". Divide the class into two or more groups. Show the 3 videos which contain clues to the name of a band. First group to guess the band name wins.